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Horror Unit: The Real Vampire

The Light in the Bloodthirsty Darkness

Velcome to my unit on vampirism! If you are interested in discovering the dark secrets behind the myth of vampires you are in the right place. Beware things may get very interesting as we sink our teeth into the history that allows us to discover the origin of vampirism. We will show the many forms of vampires and how the myth has transformed over the decades. Please grab your garlic and crucifixes and get yourself prepared to uncover the truth behind the myth.

We will be devouring information in many different forms such as novels, short stories, historical articles, film, and photos. These will be mainly focused on the elements that involve specifically the vampire myth, thus most will be short excerpts. We will do this as a way to capture all of our attentions and lure us into the dark past of vampires to shed light on the present. Beware though too much light shed on some area of the myth may make them flame or combust.

For this unit, we will be writing, reading, and watching about a lot of information to get us the answers needed for the questions we must answer at the end of the lesson to show we are the Vampire experts. These questions will be…

* Why do myths transform over time and why is this important?
* How do the past myths presented in literature influence present day literature?
* What is history’s role in the creation of modern myth?

Our mission is to discover these answers and become the ultimate vampire slayers.

Please keep in mind that you will be doing these assignments over the course of this unit.

* **Fill out Pre-Assessment Questionnaire** (The trick is to have fun with this and show me what you know)
* **Collect the handouts and class and keep them organized.** (Organization is key when discovering the secrets so please have your handouts with you)
* **Make sure to do the reading!** (I don’t want boring lectures to take the place of fun investigating, but if the reading is not done that is what will happen. We all want to have fun and work to uncover the coffin of secrets, so lets work together)
* **There will be two writing assignments. First one, you must persuade me about why this myth has become so popular over the years and whether or not the changes in the elements of vampirism were relevant when changing with the times.** (Don’t worry this will be middle of the unit so you have time, and I will give you a sheet with more details later.) **The second paper will be a vampire narrative of your own using the elements of vampirism you enjoyed the most. With this narrative you need to include a brief two-page paper explanation of why you choose the topics and elements you did.** (Again, don’t worry I will help you all and give you information and handouts for this. This will be due at the end of the semester.)
* **Lastly, our goal is to have fun and debate.** (This means we must all have positive attitudes and respect one another. Also we must all feel comfortable enough with one another to talk.)

These are the simple steps to this unit. I look forward to this exploration in the dark underworld of vampires. May history be the torchlight that guides us towards the truth.

Please keep in mind that we will be reading many stories on vampires both modern day and the past. Our two main texts will be *The Historian* and *Dracula*.

Parents if you do not agree with this myth being taught please contact me with your objections. If you have no objections, could you please sign this to you’re your consent and say that your child can participate in this unit?

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My son/daughter ­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has my consent with taking this class. I know it is based on the genre of horror and the modern myth of vampirism. I accept this study and allow my son/daughter to take part in this unit.

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